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BOOK REVIEWS

From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog: The Walking Adventures of a Naturalist, John K. Torres, 228 pp., 6.25 x 8.25, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C. Flexibound, \$12.95.

This is a reprint, by a different publisher but with the original illustrations and typography, of a book published in 1966 but long out of print. The author moved to Chapel Hill to work on his *Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds*, and he walked over the University of North Carolina's Mason Farm for relaxation. His notes of those walks are the basis of this book. It has a chapter on the history of the farm, and then short seasonal pieces, separated by accounts of specific individuals of the mammals he observed: gray foxes, Turkey Vultures, Barred Owls, cottontail, Red-tailed Hawks, muskrats, golden mice, raccoons, Northern Bobwhite, flying squirrels, and Wild Turkey. An interesting book to read, and one which can be read a part at a time.

Bird Conservation 2, Stanley A. Temple, editor, 182 pp., 6 x 9, The University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Wis. No index, \$17.50 cloth, \$12.95± paper.

This (the second annual) issue deals with island birds and their status, specifically those on Hawaii, in Micronesia, and in the U.S. Caribbean islands. In addition there are comments on Peregrine Falcon restorations and on California Condor recovery efforts, and a review of bird conservation literature. This is a book for the serious student.

Aviary Birds in Color, Frank Woolham, 176 pp., 6 x 7.75, Blandford Press, UK, Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., New York, paperbound, \$7.95.

After a seven page introduction on aviculture in general - building the accommodations, feeding, diseases, acclimatization, and breeding - there are 100 very good color photographs (by Dennis Avon and Tony Tilford) of the selected birds and for each its name, description, general management, breeding, and feeding. But there is no discussion of governmental regulation of aviculture in general nor of limitation on the species that may be kept. The suggestion that Monk (Quaker to them) Parakeets could be kept in a free-flying colony probably wouldn't sit well with neighbors or the government. The book is written for Great Britain, and the suggestions as to birds that may be kept out all winter probably don't apply to many parts of the US. No water birds and only two game birds (quails) are included. For the restricted audience left the book could serve as a menu to select the type or species of birds to try to raise. For the general public it is a nice picture book, but some what disquieting to a reader for the implication that many of the birds are wild-trapped, particularly since they include our Indigo, Lazuli, Painted, and Varied Buntings, Cedar Waxwing, and "Virginia" Cardinal.